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NEW HAMPSHIRE
Annual Report

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1962

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1962

THE RECORD PRINT
Plymouth, N. H.

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INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

Thornton was incorporated as a town in 1781.

Location: Midway of the Pemigewasset Valley,
between Plymouth and the Franconia Notch.

Population: 480

Registered Voters: 305 (Nov. 1962)

Area: 32,640 Acres - of which 1,505 Acres are
Public Lands.

Altitude: From 555 to 2,610 feet

Assessed Valuation: (April 1962) \$1,931,463.00

Resident - \$1,082,394.00

Non-Resident - \$568,165.00

Public Utilities - \$280,904.00

Town Office: At the Consolidated Schools
Building.

Selectmen meet on the last week-day of each
month - 8:00 P. M.

State Senator: Lester E. Mitchell, Sr., Campton.
Phone Plymouth 447-M3.

U. S. Senators: Norris Cotton and Thomas J. Mc-
Intyre.

Representative in Congress: James C. Cleveland,
No. 1215 New House Office Building, Wash-
ington, D. C.

Representative in the General Court: (Not entitled.)

Member of Governor's Council: John P. Bowler, Hanover.

Annual Town Meeting: Second Tuesday in March.

The Non-Partisan Town Ballot is used. Filing Fee \$1.00. See the Town Clerk if you are a candidate for Town Office at least 10 days before Town Meeting.

Polls open at 4:00 P. M. and close at 10 P. M. Articles in the Town Warrant are taken up at 7:30 P. M. Non Residents may attend and are welcome to be heard.

TOWN OFFICERS 1962

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Kenneth W. Robbins, PA 6-3924
Arthur L. Gross, PA 6-2224
Louis O. Haartz (Resigned), PA 6-3386

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

James N. Pope PA 6-2151

TAX COLLECTOR

Helen B. Steele PA 6-2521

ROAD AGENT

John Rivers PA 6-3553

POLICE OFFICERS

~~RALPH~~ ~~Helen B.~~ ^{Jr.} Steele PA 6-2521
Robert McGee PA 6-3027

FIRE WARDENS

Bert Benton, Fire Chief PA 6-3229
Richard Bradley
Carl Broad PA 6-3384
Spencer Ham

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Bert Benton

OVERSEER OF THE POOR & HEALTH OFFICER

Ralph Steele, Jr.

MODERATOR

Kenneth Robbins

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Avery, Ardelle Gilman, Isabel Ham

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Kenneth Robbins, Evelyn Benton,
Glenroy Howland

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Charles Ouellet, Richard Bradley,
Herbert Jackson

AUDITORS

Lois Ignaszewski, Phyllis Holbrook



**Hear Ye-
Hear Ye!**

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Consolidated School Building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall close not earlier than ten o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following article one: all articles except article one will be considered at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

1. To choose a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, one selectman for three years, one selectman for two years, one auditor for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, one library trustee for three years, one road agent, a superintendent of cemeteries, and two police for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

3. To see if a discount will be allowed on property taxes paid before a certain date to be later set by the Selectmen.

4. To see if the Town will vote to sell Town Property taken on tax title.

5. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the plowing of door yards.

6. To see if the Town will vote to provide a new Dump, to be located on the Boyce property at the center.

7. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to hire a secretary who shall be responsible to them for the purely clerical work as outlined in the 1961 Annual Report under the title of "The Selectmen's Job", and who shall also meet with them at their regular monthly meetings when requested to do so.

8. To see if the Town will reconsider the vote to give up the use of the old Town House, and instead, vote in favor of making necessary repairs to the building in order to make use of it hereafter as a polling place for elections, and to preserve the old building for posterity.

9. To consider the Budget as posted, and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to satisfy it.

10. To consider any other matter which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

KENNETH W. ROBBINS
ARTHUR L. GROSS
LOUIS O. HAARTZ

Selectmen of Thornton

NOTE: The Warrant as printed here may differ with the final officially posted Warrants.

Oracle of The Water Tub



Sketch by Herbert Waters

In 1794, Thornton had nine public Watering Troughs. The owners received \$3.00 per year for maintaining this service to the public.

We still have one of these to-day, —and believe it or not, we still pay the owner \$3.00 per year for it.

The year 1794 is a long way back. Sometime, perhaps a long way ahead, property owners may be paid \$3.00 per year if they will keep the bushes cut which hide a particularly fine view along the highway!

“Scenic New Hampshire” is losing its reputation because our roadsides are growing up so completely.

AND NOW —

look for some more pertinent suggestions for the future, on another page!

THE BUDGET

Estimates of Expenditures for Ensuing Year

PURPOSES	EXPENDITURES	
	Actual 1962	Estimated 1963
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,326.00	\$ 1,325.00
Town Officers' Expenses	716.03	850.00
Election and Reg. Exp.	172.00	50.00
Exp. of Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	100.00	1,100.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	51.50	75.00
Fire Department	285.95	
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	100.00	100.00
Insurance	216.20	250.00
Health:		
Health Dept. Inc. Hospitals	50.00	50.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00
Town Dump		1,500.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	380.00	400.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Bridge Fund		500.00
Town Maintenance—		
Summer	2,884.79	3,000.00
Winter	4,759.03	5,000.00
Tarring	492.80	500.00
Gen. Exp. of H'way Dept.	396.13	400.00
Town Road Aid	308.53	300.00
Libraries:	200.00	200.00

THE BUDGET - Continued

Public Welfare:

Town Poor	252.18	400.00
Old Age Assistance	901.26	800.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	17.50	25.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	294.88	300.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	159.96	100.00

County Taxes	3,643.21	3,800.00
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School Taxes	46,727.50	46,700.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 64,450.45	\$67,740.00
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THE BUDGET - Continued

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1962	Estimated 1963
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From State:

Int. & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,584.37	\$ 2,500.00
Reimb. a/c State and Federal		
Forest Lands	305.74	300.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	19.44	
National Forest Reserve	1,631.86	1,000.00

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	189.50	200.00
Business License, Permits and		
Filing Fees	10.00	10.00
Rent of Town Hall and		
Other Buildings	155.00	150.00
Income from Trust Funds	160.00	150.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,844.47	3,000.00
Sale of Town Property	763.72	500.00

**From Local Taxes Other Than
Property Taxes:**

Poll Taxes—Reg. @ \$2	300.00	300.00
Yield Taxes	200.00	200.00

Total Revenues From All Sources

Except Property Taxes	\$ 8,864.10	\$ 8,310.00
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**Amount To Be Raised
By Property Taxes**

\$ 59,430.00

Total Revenues

\$ 67,740.00

Selectmen's Review of '62

Here are some of the things which have concerned us during the past year.

Pemigewasset River Bridge. The steel plates "picked up" in places and became a hazard to traffic. A State bridge engineer looked the bridge over for us, and outlined a \$10,000 job. As things turned out, Mr. Haartz loaned his sledge hammer and the plates were hammered back into place. It does not follow however, that the bridge engineer was entirely wrong. We must contemplate his prediction. The steel rollers have not been cleaned out, but we did get the trees cut which were infringing on the bridge at the East end.

Town Dump. The dump location on Charles Kimball's property was condemned last year. By employing an attendant at times, and through the cooperation of Mr. Kimball, we have gotten through another year. A new location has been found. There are prescribed regulations to be followed and the project calls for an appropriation.

Town Map. We solicited the help of the State in making a town map. This has become necessary because of the current trend to divide many old properties into small lots with new owners. The map will be mounted and will be used to pin-point the various properties with a file system giving the name and address of owners. We got Charles Ouellet to put up a wall mount for the map.

Town Office. The Selectmen are required to meet only once a month but this is not the extent of their use of the town office. The tendency to make use of the room for catch-all storage space should be discouraged, and a more business-like environment made possible if the town expects the best efforts from the men elected. No new equipment has been provided since Charlie Descary was a Selectman and brought with him a metal file cabinet! Some thought should be given to setting up the office in keeping with the importance it represents to the town over the years.

Town Property. We have sold two properties and they are back on the tax list. Rent has been collected on other properties owned by the town. The Town's interest in this sort of problem is in good shape.

U. S. Forest Service Camp Ground. We made an effort to have the U. S. Forest Service give Thornton recognition for the new Camp Ground at Mad River. In this we were not successful. However, the "Campton Camp Ground" is in Thornton.

Mobile Homes. Everywhere, including in Thornton, there has been an increasing use of "Mobile Homes." Manufacturers have apparently made sales on the premise that they offer a good way for ducking property taxes. When one of these is set up as a home it ceases to be a vehicle and must be taxed as a small modern home — which it is. The depreciation becomes negligible compared with a vehicle.

Horses. In the past, all horses have been taxed. This year someone smarter than we are discovered that the law (as now on the books) applies to work horses only! This town has no "race horses" but we do have "saddle horses," and this year we did not tax the saddle horses.

Railroad Crossings. The Town was required to replace advance warning signs at two Crossings this year. To-day these signs cost about \$30 per set! Clayton Ham made the signs for his Crossing, -- proving that Yankee ingenuity is not dead, and we are grateful to him for saving this expense to the Town.

Civil Defense. In any real analysis, civil defense is every man for himself. But are you really prepared to "go it alone?" Every town is required to have a Civil Defense Director, and in the absence of an appointed official, the Chairman of Selectmen must take over. You will be helping yourself to co-operate with him when asked to do so.

Property Appraising. It seemed advisable this year to obtain the services of Mr. Robert Laduke, chief appraiser for the State Tax Commission. He was with us for one day at small expense to the town, and the Selectmen profited from this contact with him.

Perambulating. The word means "on foot" -- and this is of course rather out-moded to-day. The Law requires perambulating the Town lines. Money appropriated for the job has not been spent. Perhaps the Cub Scouts or the PTA members would like to volunteer for this! Except that one of the Selectmen should chisel the date and his initials on the corner posts when they are found!

The Old School Bell. Some of our folks regret the loss of the school bell at West Thornton, and we inquired into the possibility of reclaiming it for the town. The present owners of the school building do not wish to part with the bell. Such bells are valued possessions today! There is a lesson to be learned from this experience.

The Old Town Meeting House. This old building unquestionably has tradition value which will increase with the years. If the town keeps the building in repair, it may mean a lot to future generations of our citizenry, and continue to be useful in the meantime. The estimated cost for new roofing, which is needed, amounts to \$1,000.

We realize that a vote was taken to give up the old building. However the Town's use of the Activities Room at the Consolidated School has introduced some challenging problems, and we deemed it advisable not to relinquish the use of the building at this time. School Supt. Bowie kindly agreed to suspend classes being held in the Activities Room so that the November election could be legally held as posted.

If History is Important. And it is. This is the year to record the erection of Clifton Shores' dairy barn and Russell Gilman's new barn and garage. Most of the big "Old Homestead" barns around town are fast disappearing for want of any present use. This year also found George Fadden busy rebuilding the home destroyed by fire last Winter, -- and a mild real estate boom took place at Mad River -- mostly camps and cottages. At the same time, several commercial properties along the Daniel Webster Highway have remained closed and the store and post-office building at West Thornton has not been re-placed.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES 1962

Purpose	Amt. Raised	Amt. Spent
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,326.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00	716.03
Election and Registration	275.00	172.00
Town Hall and Buildings	150.00	100.00
Insurance	300.00	216.20
Police	100.00	51.50
Fire Protection	800.00	285.95
Pine Blister Rust	100.00	100.00
Health and Hospital	50.00	50.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00
Town Dump	375.00	380.00
Highways — Summer	3,000.00	2,884.79
Highways — Winter	5,000.00	4,759.03
Tarring	500.00	492.80
Bridge Maintenance Fund	500.00	
Town Road Aid Contribution	308.63	308.63
General Expense Highways	500.00	396.13
Libraries	200.00	200.00
Town Poor	400.00	252.18
Old Age Assistance	800.00	901.26
Memorial Day	25.00	17.50
Cemeteries	300.00	294.88
Advertising	159.96	159.96
County Tax	3,300.00	3,643.21
School Tax	47,511.53	46,727.50
	\$ 66,795.12	\$63,900.55

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The Status Quo. Thornton needs to re-appraise itself as a town, -- in consideration of present-day demands and opportunities. We must recognize changes which are taking place, turning some of them into advantages, and preventing others from becoming disadvantages. No town stands still. Either it moves forward, or it falls behind. And in today's fast moving developments, even to maintain the status quo, is actually to fall behind!

Planned Development. In planning for the future, we learn from the past. In the past, most of the economy in Thornton has been hitched directly or indirectly to the forest area where we live. Today, this may still be our greatest resource.

New Interstate 93, when completed, will act as a "vent" for the exploding population in the cities. People can leave crowded conditions and city tensions, and even dangers, and in a very short space of time find themselves surrounded by National Forest, -- in a town with classified pure mountain streams, -- and in a beautiful valley where they are handy to both the Mountains Region to the North and the Lakes Region to the South.

We shall have here in Thornton what hundreds will be looking for. And the new express highway makes it a practical proposition.

Our objective should be to attract those who are able to make substantial investments of the kind which can mean something to our taxable Inventory. Our planning should be aimed at making Thornton the kind of town to warrant such investments.

Zoning. If we realize what our resources provide for, we can protect investments that can result from these resources. The desirable property along our pure streams will be built upon, and certainly we should have a building code designed to prevent squatter type development which can mean little to the Town.

Our best residential section, the area now served by the Campton Reservoir, should be sensibly zoned to protect investments.

Trailer Courts and even second hand auto yards can be in prospect and should also be regulated, before it is too late.

Our Stake in the National Forest. The National Forest is important to our town. We should explore the possibilities which the old CCC Campground on Daniel Webster Highway may

hold, for new use and development. Some consideration seems due us from the U. S. Forest Service -- which currently is distributing a publicity folder of the area without showing the Town of Thornton at all. (Campton and Woodstock are plainly indicated.)

Water Resources. Natural pure water for recreational purposes is becoming more and more important. It is in limited supply in a fast growing population! Thornton has a long river frontage on the Pemigewasset, and the value of the property along the river will become important to the Town when the river is made useful again to all of the people. The river is one of Thornton's principal undeveloped resources.

Local Maintenance — Public Dump. A dump can be a nuisance and expense unless attended. It should be fenced, and opened once a week (under supervision) for the use of local householders. Commercial users and those requiring more frequent service would pay for a special permit, and be issued a key. The new Dump introduces the possibility of having a "Town Yard" for highway materials, etc.

Delegating Bookkeeping details. Considering the time that they have available to give to the Town, the Selectmen are overworked! By assigning purely clerical work to someone else, the Selectmen would have more time to give to matters which require a Board of three men working together. Wouldn't this be a better alternative to increasing their pay?

Now — Let's Look a Moment - at the "Assessment Statistics," printed on the following page. What do they mean to you? Really, quite a lot! Notice for instance that while the taxes committed, increased about 13%, our net valuation (on which tax revenue is raised) increased about 2%. Notice also that credits received from the State (Income other than local taxes) decreased about 24% this year. (Tax Rate up 15%.) This does not make a very good picture of "Progress." It is the reason for our interest in looking into the future with you!

Citizen Participation. Selectmen need to give necessary time to their work -- and citizens need to cooperate with them. For instance, putting together a reasonable building code or zoning regulations requires the work and study of a committee. There are other committees necessary, if we explore other objectives we have mentioned here. And there is still the chance (suggested by the Architect) to landscape the new school building to make the building easier to heat.

Promoting the Town of Thornton. Never encourage "the tail to wag the dog." Have your friends address you at Thornton in care of the correct postal address -- either Campton RFD or West Thornton. And while you are about it, have them spell out New Hampshire! It's a mark of distinction to be proud of your town and state.

Assessment Statistics

	1962	1961
Lands and Buildings	\$1,606,515.00	\$1,579,465.00
House Trailers	11,400.00	900.00
Electric Utilities	280,904.00	273,298.00
Stock in Trade	3,400.00	3,950.00
Boats	400.00	6,475.00
Horses	1,505.00	4,025.00
Cows	22,890.00	20,885.00
Neat Stock	1,635.00	2,800.00
Sheep	390.00	840.00
Fowl	124.00	175.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,500.00	1,200.00
Portable Mills	800.00	1,000.00
Wood, Lumber, Logs		170.00
Gross Valuation	\$1,931,463.00	\$1,894,283.00
Less Veterans' Exemptions	22,000.00	22,000.00
Net Valuation (Real Property)	\$1,909,463.00	\$1,872,283.00

Credits From The State

Income & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,584.37	\$ 4,799.70
Savings Bank Tax		.64
Railroad Tax	27.08	33.04
Adjustment A/C Federal Lands	305.74	499.63
Forest Reserve Fund Income	1,631.86	985.03
Town's Share, Highway Funds	2,053.73	2,068.55
Tax Rate Per Hundred	3.10	2.70
Taxes Committed to Collector	59,193.36	50,551.67
Polls	224	223

Financial Report, 1962

ASSETS

Cash		
In Hands of Treasurer		\$ 21,553.68
Accounts Due To The Town		
Due from State:		
Joint H'way: Construc'n. Accts.,		
Unexpended Bal. in Treasury		2,195.66
Reimbursement a/c Federal Lands		305.74
Railroad Tax		27.08
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)		
Levy of 1962		
Levy of 1961		1,003.37
Levy of 1960		1,013.79
Previous Years		879.67
Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1962		16,024.50
Levy of 1960		191.80
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1962		440.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years		220.00
Total Assets		\$ 43,549.55
Grand Total		\$ 43,549.55

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Cottage Hospital	\$	166.35
Tax Com.—Laduke		40.00
Bills Outstanding		
Old Age, Nov. - Dec.		120.00
TRA		308.63
Sandwich Notch		140.00
	\$	774.98

Sewer Reserve Fund	
Bridge	\$ 1,250.56
Fire Protection	514.05
Perambulation	285.00
Civil Defense	225.00
	\$ 2,274.61
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1962	
Uncollected	\$ 440.00
Collected—not remitted to State Treasurer—\$15.00	
Yield Tax—Bond & Debt	
Retirement	\$ 50.77
Uncollected	73.56
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	25,511.53
State and Town Joint Highway Construction Accts.:	
Unexp. bal. in State Treasury	
TRA	\$ 2,037.56
Sandwich Notch	138.10
	\$ 2,195.66
Total Liabilities	\$ 31,321.11
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	12,228.44
Grand Total	\$ 43,549.55

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall Buildings	\$ 1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	200.00
Library Equipment	50.00
Fire Protection Equipment	500.00
Highway Dept. Equipment	200.00
Materials and Supplies	200.00
School Land and Building	60,000.00
School Equipment	5,000.00
Cemetery Equipment	100.00
Lands and Buildings Acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds, Viz-	
9a Curtis Bump Land	100.00
1a Boyce House at No. 6	1,500.00
2a Cottage No. 6	2,800.00
1/2a Camp at the Gore	1,600.00
Total	\$ 73,750.00

**REPORT TO HEALTH OFFICER
OF TOWN OF THORNTON, N. H. FOR YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1962**

Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine Clinic held at Lincoln—

24—type I
17—type III
17—type II

58—total

Home visits were made to infants, preschools and adults for counseling and assistance with health problems.

My sincere thanks to Health Officer and to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Pope for their assistance and transportation of patients to clinics.

Respectfully submitted,

LORETTA B. RUSSELL, R. N.

State Public Health Nurse
Lincoln, N. H.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January 1, 1962 — December 31, 1962

Receipts:

1961 Auto Permits	\$ 38.44
1962 Auto Permits	2,844.47
1963 Auto Permits	35.95
1962 Dog Licenses	189.50
Filing Fees	10.00
Total Collections	\$ 3,118.36
Less 1961 overpayment to Treasurer	5.99
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 3,112.37

JAMES N. POPE,
Town Clerk

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT **WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Balance due School January 1, 1962	\$ 22,226.07
Deficiency Appropriation voted March 22, 1962	1,685.50
Due School for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1962	\$ 23,911.57
Paid to June 30, 1962	23,911.57
Balance Due at end of School year	Nil
1962-1963 Appropriation as adjusted	\$ 47,511.53
Less estimated receipts, other sources	1,479.00
1962-1963 Assessment	\$ 46,032.53
Paid July 1 - December 31, 1962	22,000.00
Balance due School December 31, 1962	\$ 24,032.53

The School also received the sum of \$815.93 as its share of the income from the National Forest Reserve.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1962

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$ 59,118.94
Poll	448.00
Total Warrant	\$ 59,566.94
Yield	201.19

Added Taxes

Property	306.90
Poll	6.00
Costs	4.60
Interest Collected	14.49
Total Debits	\$ 60,100.12

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	\$ 42,215.10
Poll	300.00
Yield	127.63
Costs	4.60
Interest Collected	14.49
	\$ 42,661.82
Discount Allowed	680.69

Abatements

Property	505.55
Poll	10.00

Uncollected Taxes—As per Collector's List:

Property	16,024.50
Poll	144.00
Yield	73.56

Total Credits		\$ 60,100.12
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I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1962 on account of the tax levy of 1962 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HELEN B. STEELE

Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1962

	Dr.		
	1961	1960	Previous Years
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$ 1,552.43	\$	\$
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes as of January 1, 1962		1,013.79	1,058.96
Interest Collected			
After Sale	3.85		4.64
Redemption Costs	42.50		
Total Debits	\$ 1,598.78	\$ 1,013.79	\$ 1,063.60

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Remittances to Treas.			
During Year	\$ 591.56	\$	\$ 179.29
Abatements— During Year			
Interest Collected			
After Sale	3.85		4.64
Deeded to Town Unredeemed Taxes			
At Close of Yr.	1,003.37	1,013.79	879.67
Total Credits	\$ 1,598.78	\$ 1,013.79	\$ 1,063.60

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955
Anderson, Olive	\$	75.30	67.62				
Boyce, Arthur	201.10	211.24					
Bradley, Richard		330.73	298.83	136.33			
Bradley, Richard & Dorothy		32.36					
Bradley, Richard & David		9.47					
Downing, Alice	144.71	146.85	72.48				
Sellingham, Frank	144.72	146.85					
Oleson, Frederick B.		60.99					
Jellison, Charles			66.48				
Burbank, Alfred			19.07	18.22	17.74		129.90
Brodie, Thomas			13.97				
Hamel, Thomas			29.29				
Emo, Donald					1.55		
Sanborn, Irving						8.19	
Burhoe, Freeman & Ethel	88.28						
Drake, Harris	12.24						
Axon, Kenneth & Mary Ann	6.55						
Hanson, Robert	84.72						
Merrill, Fred	278.47						
Batchelder, Wm. F.	20.67						
Downing, Edith & A.	17.84						
Downing Edith & A.	4.07						
Uncollected	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Burhoe, Freeman & Ethel		82.20	567.74	154.55	19.29	8.19	129.90
Jellison, Charles		109.60					

APPLES and PEARS

It is difficult to compare the value of an apple with the value of a pear. So if you compare your tax with the tax of a neighbor, consider if the two properties are really alike. You must consider other values besides those that are on the surface.

Passing traffic, for instance, usually makes value. An owner may display a sign if there is traffic, and sell his vegetables, maple syrup, Christmas trees, — even the property itself. This sort of value is quite generally recognized. Therefore it is more important to consider as valuable, than some other values not so generally recognized, —and not so easy to sell!

An artist may look for a good view, —or a Sentimentalist will pay dearly for an old District School building, and even cherish an ink spot left on the floor! These are values to be considered, but they are less important values because they are more difficult to prove, and they interest fewer people.

Most people to-day prefer to live close to the village - close to the post office - store - school and transportation, - even close to a fire hydrant! And there is a greater demand for a small home to-day, than a rambling farm home or mansion. Your neighbor may have more roofs than you do, but were they built for some use which is still important to-day?

And when you compare values with property “just like” your own, are you sure that you are not being influenced by appearance instead of fundamentals? The flowers, shrubs and the paint that you see, are more related to the value of the citizen living in the house than to the real property he is living in.

A well kept property indicates a valuable citizen. A run down property may indicate an unfortunate citizen. Or he may be just a chiseler - thinking to avoid taxes by appearances he is living with.

Now-a-days - more than ever, it becomes necessary to consider the inside of a dwelling. In times past you knew there was a "Privy", and it didn't much matter whether there was or not. But to-day is there an "inside toilet" and if so, is it a make-shift one in the old chimney hole behind the kitchen stove, or is it a modern "Bath" with heat from the central system? And about the kitchen stove, - is it a black iron antique (not taxable) or is it a modern built-in one (which is)?

And so - we have been discussing "apples and pears" and we know now that some are sweet, some sour and caulky, some firm and sound and others have soft spots. And perhaps we have discovered a way of being more fair in our judgments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1962 — December 31, 1962

Cash on hand December 31, 1961	\$ 22,800.58
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Receipts:

From Selectmen	\$ 5,978.25	
From Town Clerk	3,112.37	
From Tax Collector	57,582.31	
		66,672.93

Total Cash and Receipts	\$ 89,473.51
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Disbursements:

Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 67,913.44	
Overpayment on Selectmen's		
Orders (Adjusted 1/12/63)	5.00	
Bank Charges	1.39	
		\$ 67,919.83

Cash on hand December 31, 1962	\$ 21,553.68
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JAMES N. POPE,
Treasurer

■ Selectmen – In Account With ■

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1962

From Local Taxes:

1962 Property Tax	\$ 42,215.10
1962 Poll Taxes	300.00
1962 Yield Taxes	127.63
1962 Head Taxes	935.00

Total 1962 Taxes	\$ 43,577.73
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Previous Property & Yield	\$ 12,244.46
Previous Poll	124.00
Previous Head	380.00
Interest on Taxes	377.98
Costs	68.79
Penalties	38.50
Redemp.	770.85

	\$ 14,004.58
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From State:

Int. and Div. Tax	\$ 2,584.37
Nat'l. Forest Reserve	1,631.86
Fire Fighting and Training	19.44
Bal. 1961 a/c TRA	235.90
Blister Rust Reimbursement	.25
Fire Fighting & Training Adjustment 1961	17.01

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	189.50
Filing Fees	10.00
Ruth A. Downing, Rent	155.00

Town of Thornton

Walter Lee Cemetery Fund	80.00
Walter Lee Library Fund	80.00
Yield Tax Advance	118.26
Russell Gilman, Sale & Use of	
Town Materials	15.25
Sale of Cemetery Lots	55.00
Auto Permits	2,912.87
Campton Sand & Graved (Refund)	9.47
Sale of Town Property	
Sylvia Drake	463.72
Lewis Hanson	300.00
Redemption Town Property	
Benjamin Raffaelly	212.72
Adjustment Town Clerk to Treas.	5.99
Total Receipts	\$ 66,672.93

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Dec. 31, 1962

Town Officers' Salaries

James N. Pope, Treas. &	
Clerk	\$ 250.00
Helen B. Steele, Tax Collector	250.00
Kenneth Robbins, Selectman	190.00
Arthur Gross, Selectman	200.00
Louis Haartz, Selectman	200.00
Ralph Steele, Jr.	20.00
Evelyn Benton, Librarian	62.00
Katherine Ham, Librarian	104.00
Phyllis Holbrook, Auditor	12.00
Lois Ignaszewski	12.00
	\$ 1,300.00

Payments (Continued)

Town Officers' Expenses

Phyllis Holbrook, Auditor Exp.	3.80
Glenroy Howland, Postage	21.12
Record Print, Town Reports	215.64
Charles Wood, Register, Transfers	4.16
N. H. Town Clerks Asso.	3.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc.	
Dog Tags	7.33
Brown & Saltmarsh—Binder	8.58
Helen B. Steele Col. Postage—	
Head Tax	10.00
N. H. Tax Col. Asso.	3.00
State of N. H., Mobil Home &	
Boat Guides	6.75
Spaulding Moss Co., Town Map	9.45
Record Print, Ballots	18.00
Wm. F. Batchelder Atty.,	
Selectmen's Deed	8.00
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., Supplies	10.86
Charles A. Wood, Register, Deed	1.25
Helen B. Steele, Col.,	
Costs & Stamps	43.34
Branham Pub. Co., Auto Book	7.00
Maurice Alpaugh, Stamps	
for Tax Bills	14.64
Sargeant Bros., Tax Bills	32.60
Charles A. Wood, Reg., Transfers	8.08
K. W. Robbins, Expense	10.14
Chas. V. Ouellet, Bulletin Board	12.50
Arthur Gross, Expense	5.79
Helen B. Steele, Head Tax &	
Postage	37.90
James Pope, Expense	20.00
Commissions	193.00

\$ 716.03

Payments (Continued)

Election and Registration:

Moderator & Ballot Clerks,		
Town Meeting	\$	26.00
Moderator & Ballot Clerks, Sept.		42.00
Moderator & Ballot Clerks, Nov.		42.00
Chas. Ouellet, Supervisor		38.00
Richard Bradley, Supervisor		38.00
Herbert Jackson, Supervisor		12.00
	\$	198.00

Maintenance:

Thornton School Dist., Rent	\$	100.00
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Police Department:

Ralph Steele, Jr.	\$	51.50
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Fire Department:

Campton Water Dept.,		
Hydrant Rent	\$	125.00
State of N. H.. Maps for Warden		4.00
Bert Benton, Warden Duties		85.45
Campton Fire Dept.,		
a/c John Benton		35.50
Campton Fire Dept.,		
a/c Landry		11.00
Campton Fire Dept.,		
a/c Jess Avery		25.00
	\$	285.95

Blister Rust Control:

State Forester, Appr.	\$	100.00
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Vital Statistics:

James N. Pope, Town Clerk	\$	15.00
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Payments (Continued)

Insurance:

Bertram Pulsifer,		
Work Comp.	\$	72.85
Bertram Pulsifer, Town Bonds		106.00
Bertram Pulsifer, Insurance		37.35
	\$	216.20

Town Dump:

Charles Kimball, Care & Maint. Dump	\$	380.00
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Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance		
Summer	\$	2,884.79
Winter		4,769.03
Tarring Acct.		492.80
	\$	8,146.62

General Exp.—Highway Department

Merrimack Farmers Exchange,		
Salt	\$	88.50
Glenwood Duffy, Sand		30.75
Treas. State of N. H.,		
R. R. Sign & Post		26.50
Clarence Pulsifer, Weed Chemical		16.17
Campton Sand & Gravel, Sand		24.38
Clarence Downing, Trough Rent		3.00
Wirthmore Stores, Materials		78.59
McCoy's Market, Paint		8.59
Merrimack Farmers Exchange,		
Paper		13.65
Wirthmore Stores, Salt		106.00
	\$	396.13

Payments (Continued)

Libraries:

Frances Avery, Trustee, Approp.	\$	200.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance		
Town's Share	\$	901.26
Town Poor		252.18
		\$ 1,153.44

Memorial Day:

Clay's Newstand, Flags		
for Memorial	\$	10.50
Arthur Gross for J. McAweeney,		
Urns		7.00
		\$ 17.50

Walter Lee Trust Fund:

Roy Sawyer for Mad River		
Cemetery	\$	80.00
Frances Avery for Town Libraries		80.00
		\$ 160.00

Cemeteries:

Roy Sawyer, Mad River	\$	79.25
Bert Benton, Supt. Care		192.83
F. J. Avery's Garage, Repairs		22.80
		\$ 294.88

Other Payments:

White Mts. Region Asso.	\$	159.96
Taxes Bought by Town		1,594.93

Payments (Continued)

Bernice Landry, Sale of Prop.	162.00	
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds	135.27	
Bonds Debts & Retirement (Yield Taxes)	340.32	
Sceva Speare Hospital Approp.	50.00	
State of N. H. Head Taxes Col.	1,369.00	
County Tax	3,643.21	
School Dist. Inc. Nat'l. F. R.	46,727.50	
		\$ 54,182.19
Bank Charges		\$ 1.39
Total Payments for All Purposes	\$ 67,914.83	

TOWN ROADS

1962 MAINTENANCE

John Rivers, Agent

Summer repairs on town roads were performed in the same diligent manner this year. All necessary scraping, ditch work, culvert work, mowing, and tarring in sections of town, was done.

Expenditures:	Labor	Equipment
John Rivers, Ditches	\$ 190.84	\$ 120.21
John Rivers, Tractor	100.80	165.80
John Rivers, Scraping	293.20	293.20
John Rivers, Trucking Gravel	119.80	150.00
John Rivers, Spraying Bushes	51.20	66.40
John Rivers, Truck	45.20	73.08
John Rivers, Tractor Mowing	55.20	66.20
John Rivers, Labor	95.20	
John Rivers, Tar Patching	143.41	110.30
John Rivers, Bridge Work	2.00	
John Rivers, Fixed Scraper	11.20	
John Rivers, Culvert Work	8.00	8.00
John Rivers, Grading	59.88	104.40
John Rivers, Tar Wagon	25.60	37.67
Bert Benton	2.80	
Leo Brosseau	72.49	
Bud Burhoe (Culvert)	20.00	20.00
Chet Downing	23.94	
Karl Haartz	11.97	
David Hiltz	198.16	
Philip Webster	96.35	
Archie White	21.82	
Other Expenses:		
Campton Sand & Gravel (Sand)	9.47	
Norman Willey (Cutting Pine Near Bridge)	9.00	
Total for Summer Work		\$ 2,884.69

Weed chemical cost us \$16.17.

Louis Haartz loaned a sledge hammer and the necessary repairs on the West Thornton bridge were taken care of by hammering bolts and plates back in place, thus getting us through another year without a major repairing job.

Tarring cost \$492.80 this year. Sand cost \$55.53. Materials cost \$78.59. Bridge paint cost \$8.59.

2 R. R. Signs & 2 Posts were obtained for \$26.50 and put up where needed. Clayton Ham put the signs and posts up at the crossing near his place.

Three culverts were put in on the Mad River road. Left over money from the '61 T R A appropriation was used. The Selectmen decided to combine the '62 & '63 T R A monies for the paving of the section of road between the Marjorie Uhlman farm and the John Rivers place. Another culvert was put in near Herb Waters place by Bud Burhoe and John Rivers.

A fine job of sanding was again done by Agent Bert Benton. The purchase of sand and salt was up for this year. Salt cost \$194.50. Paper cost \$13.65.

Accounts payable total \$448.63.

Cost of Winter work:

	Labor	Equipment
Chester Downing, Plowing Snow		
'61-'62 Season	588.80	1,251.20
John Rivers, Plowing Snow		
'61-'62 Season	534.35	1,335.75
Total for Plowing '61-'62 Season		\$ 3,710.10

Sanding:

Bert Benton & Truck	\$	140.57	\$	226.32
Bert Benton & Tractor				80.00
John Benton & Truck		7.98		9.11
Bradford Benton, Helper		7.32		
Charles Benton, Helper		13.30		
John Benton, Helper		28.61		
Richard Bradley, Helper		2.25		
Charles Kimball, Helper		46.53		
John Rivers, Helper		2.84		
Everett Steele, Helper		23.94		
Ralph Steele, Jr., Helper		21.96		
Archie White, Helper		89.21		

Total for Sanding			\$	699.94
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Getting out Winter Sand:

John Rivers, Tractor	\$	48.00	\$	48.00
John Rivers, Truck		54.40		81.55
Bert Benton, Driver		23.94		
Bert Benton, Helper		7.10		
Bradford Benton, Helper		11.97		
Philip Webster, Helper		34.08		
Archie White, Helper		11.97		

Total Getting Winter Sand			\$	321.01
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Other Winter Work:

Snow Fences:

John Rivers	\$	16.80
Philip Webster		8.52

Putting out Barrels:

John Rivers		8.40
Philip Webster	4.26	

Total Other Winter Work			\$	37.98
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Preventing Forest Fires Is Our Responsibility

Costs of suppressing carelessly set outdoor fires in New Hampshire in 1962 cost the persons responsible \$5,545. In the same period, the cost to the cities and towns for control of such fires for which no responsibility could be placed cost another \$24,634. What utter waste of tax money and what shameful and needless loss of timber and esthetic values in the 2200 acres burned. Residences, farms, and other business places were threatened with possible total destruction.

Carelessly set man-caused fires can be prevented if every citizen remembers his responsibility in regard to any source of fires in the open. We can help to keep our fire loss low by remembering these simple rules.

1. Dispose of burnable waste at the town dump.
2. If waste or brush is to be burned on the premises, obtain a permit from the forest fire warden. Seasonal permits may be issued for approved incinerators and sites.
3. Burn safely by picking a clean site, avoiding dry windy weather and preferably burning late in the day.
4. Have something to keep the fire under control — pails of water, garden hose, sprinkling can, broom for grass fires or shovel will help.
5. Be sure your fire is dead out before you leave it.
6. If the fire gets out of control or if you see a fire out of control, report promptly to your warden or fire department. Continue to fight it until help arrives.

There is potential danger when matches fall into the hands of children. It is never too early for parents to install in the child's mind a respect for fire.

Keep our town safe from fire.

In 1962 we had 3 fires.

We burned 1½ acres.

Permits issued - 51.

BERT BENTON,
Forest Fire Warden

ALBERT C. HARTWELL, Jr.
District Fire Chief

CEMETERY REPORT

As usual the Pine Grove Cemetery was mowed three times, the Hanson Cemetery was mowed twice and the Gore Cemetery once. Roy Sawyer took care of the Mad River Cemeteries in his usual efficient manner.

BERT BENTON,

Superintendent

AUDITORS' REPORT

February 2, 1963

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1962 and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

PHYLLIS B. HOLBROOK

LOIS IGNASZEWSKI

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 1962

Receipts

Received from Selectmen (Appropriation)	\$ 200.00
Received from Walter Lee Trust Fund	80.00
Withdrew from bank to close bankbook	7.20
Library Dues	5.92
Total Receipts	\$ 293.12

Payments

Campbell & Hall, Books	\$ 137.81
Goodman's Bookstore, Books	26.06
Magazines	29.25
Katherine Ham, Librarian's Rent	100.00
Total Payments	\$ 293.12

FRANCES AVERY,
Library Trustee

LIBRARIAN'S REPORTS FOR 1962

	West Thornton	Branch
Adult Books Circulated	359	213
Children's Books Circulated	151	90
Bookmobile Books Circulated	315	215
Magazines Circulated	460	
Books Purchased	61	
Gift Books	6	
Adult Readers	25	13
Youth Readers	10	7
Juvenile Readers	10	12
Library Dues	\$5.92	

KATHERINE HAM,
Librarian

EVELYN BENTON
Branch Librarian

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Thornton, N. H.

General Cemetery Fund	\$	3,921.57	
Walter I. Lee Fund			
Mad River Cemetery		2,060.65	
Walter I. Lee Fund			
West Thornton Library		2,060.65	
Capital Gains on Investments		156.80	
Total Principal			\$ 8,199.67
Investment in Puritan Fund	\$	8,188.87	
Cash balance		10.80	
Total			\$ 8,199.67
Income			
Cash on Hand	\$	107.83	
Balance after investment		10.80	
Income from Dividends		354.60	
			\$ 485.10
Interest from Plymouth Guaranty			
Savings Bank		11.87	
Expended			
General Cemetery Fund	\$	154.50	
Mad River Cemetery		80.00	
West Thornton Library		80.00	
			\$ 314.50
Balance in Plymouth Guaranty			
Savings Bank			\$ 170.60

KENNETH W. ROBBINS
EVELYN M. BENTON
GLENROY M. HOWLAND

Trustees

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS

If you wish to continue to receive a copy of the Annual Town Report, please fill out and return this form.

To the Selectmen—

Kindly keep my name on the mailing list.

I shall cooperate with you by filling out and returning my Inventory Blank promptly when received.

Name

Correct
Address

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REMARKS:

(No Inventory Return — No Town Report)

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1962

Date of Birth 1962	Sex, Cond	No. of Child	Name of Child (If any)	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Apr 6	F	3	Genevieve Juliet	Alton G Benton	Geraldine A Holecek	Thornton	Thornton	Mineola N Y
May 4	F	1	Kristal Winifred	Elliott W Haartz	Mary A Gennar	Thornton	Hingham Mass	Portland Ore
June 19	F	2	Lisa Elaine	John L Piper	Mildred E Walsh	Thornton	Meredith Mass	Cambridge Mass
June 28	M	1	Brent Scott	Jack L Bradley	Carol Lowden	Thornton	Schneectady N Y	Hanover
Aug 18	Y	1	Leroy Parker III	Leroy P Uhlman	Gloria E Danforth	Thornton	Thornton	Plymouth
Nov 8	M	1	Luca Dean	Bernard D Merrill	Carolyn A Hardy	Thornton	Thornton	Thornton
Dec 19	F	1	Brenda Marie	Robert C Uhlman	Charlotte M Valorose	Thornton	Plymouth	Lowell Mass

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1962

Date—1962	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Occupation	Place of Birth of each	Times Married	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
Jan 27	Campton	Leroy P Uhlman	Thornton	21	Mill worker	Thornton	1	J Lincoln Thomas Clergyman
Apr 21	Durham	Carolyn A Hardy	Campton	19	At home	Plymouth	1	Campton
		David B Bradley	Durham	21	Student	Schecnectady N Y	1	Daniel Novothy Clergyman
July 21	Holderness	Pamela J Steele	Durham	20	Student	Plymouth	1	Durham
		Sherwood A Fehm Jr	Handen Conn	21	Student	New Haven Conn	1	Wm F Judge Clergyman
July 22	Campton	Stephanie N Brown	Thornton	21	Nurse	Pittsfield Mass	1	Thornton
		David G Wissinger	Thornton	21	Laborer	Pennsylvania	1	J Lincoln Thomas Clergyman
Aug 24	Campton	Linda M Rau	Woodstock	18	At home	New York N Y	1	Campton
		Winston W Merrill	Thornton	29	Mill worker	Thornton	1	J Lincoln Thomas Clergyman
Sept 1	Woodstock	Marie E Fawcett	Rumney	24	At home	Rumney	2	Campton
		Frank L Parsley	New Hampton	23	Mason	Laconia	1	Dean Roth Clergyman
Sept 8	Campton	Lillian P Sweeney	Thornton	20	At home	Plymouth	1	Woodstock
		Robert C Uhlman	Thornton	20	Carpenter	Plymouth	1	J Lincoln Thomas Clergyman
		Charlotte M Valorose	Thornton	18	At home	Lowell Mass	1	Campton

Marriages (Continued)

Sept 15	Lincoln	Harold W Rodgers	Thornton	29 Mason	Campton	1 George B Marsh Clergyman 1 Lincoln
Dec 29	Campton	Frances J Sanborn Peter W Maden	Thornton Puerto Rico	19 Waitress 23 Engineer	Campton Boston Mass	1 A D Bolster Clergyman 1 Derry
Dec 29	Campton	Carolyn B Broad Peter R Fillion Marolyn Ann Broad	Thornton Plymouth Thornton	19 Clerk 21 Dept mgr 19 Asst. cashier	Plymouth Laconia Plymouth	1 A D Bolster Clergyman 1 Derry

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1962

Date of Death 1962	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years	Place of Birth	Sex and Marital Status		Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
					Sex	Cond			
Jan 22	Thornton	Clarabelle W. Gault	57	Bridgewater	F	W	Housewife	Norman Wiser	Mary Jane Heath
Feb 19	Kittery Me	Rena Celia Fisher	64	Mass	F	W	Housewife	Charles Morin	Ezina Celia
Feb 24	Thornton	Mary S. Munyon	87	Woonsocket	F	W	Housewife	Clarence B. Merrian	Sarah Smith
May 17	Ashland	Emma Bessie Boyce	87	Rupert Vt	F	M	Housewife	Will Dowd	Hattie Kendall
June 21	Haverhill	Everett Kinsman	88	Cambridge Mass	M	M	Janitor		
June 23	Haverhill	Marguerite Kinsman	88	Switzerland	F	W	French maid	Louis O. Bobillier	Marie Antoinette
July 8	Thornton	Gustave St. Jean	51	Canada	M	M	Elevator opr	August St. Jean	Wilhelmine Marier
July 19	Plymouth	Josephine George	83	Londonderry	F	D	Housewife	Nelson Payne	Abbie Jane Walsh
July 19	Thornton	Doris Ella Horne	60	Warren	F	D	Teacher	Elmer Moses	Winnie Bell Glines
Sept 20	Littleton	Leon Nick Brown	81	Thornton	M	W	Farmer	George H. Brown	Roann Pollard
Oct 2	Thornton	Herbert W. Jewell	90	Groton	M	M	Laborer	Elbridge Jewell	
Oct 12	Thornton	Walter Albert Gray	85	Lunenburg Vt	M	W	Board Sawyer	Albert Gray	Britann Snow
Nov 8	Plymouth	Eruce Dean Merrill	1 day 5 hrs	Plymouth	F	M	Housewife	Bernard D. Merrill	Gloria E. Denforth
Nov 27	Littleton	Marion Smith	40	Thornton	F	M	Housewife	Lloyd Baker	Agnes Adams
Nov 28	No. Woodstock	Herman P. Howland	61	Woodstock	M	M	Mill worker	Wilfred B. Howland	Valerie Benton

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICERS OF THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Charles V. Ouellet, Chairman
Lawrence Thompson
Gertrude Hiltz

Treasurer and Clerk

James N. Pope

Auditors

Inez Ignaszewski
Nellie Adams

Moderator

Richard Bradley

Superintendent

M. Wayne Bowie

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Elementary School in said district on the seventh day of March 1963, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together

with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this fifteenth day of February 1963.

CHARLES V. OUELLET
GERTUDE O. HILTZ
LAWRENCE THOMPSON

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES V. OUELLET
GERTUDE O. HILTZ
LAWRENCE THOMPSON

School Board

BUDGET

EXPENDITURES

	Actual 1962-63	Rec'mend. 1963-64
ADMINISTRATION		
District Officers	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Contracted Services	170.00	170.00
District Officers Expenses	50.00	50.00
INSTRUCTION		
Principal's Salary	4,150.00	4,400.00
Teachers Salaries	12,570.42	13,374.60
Textbooks	450.00	450.00
Library & Audiovisual	75.00	100.00
Teaching Supplies	200.00	175.00
Contracted Services for Instruction	300.00	300.00
Other Expenses	125.00	90.00
ATTENDANCE SERVICES		
Salaries for Attendance Services		25.00
HEALTH SERVICES		
Salaries for Health Services	535.00	511.89
Other—Health	15.00	25.00
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION		
Contracted Services	5,700.00	5,040.00
OPERATION OF PLANT		
Salaries for Operation of Plant	1,100.00	1,200.00
Supplies	200.00	250.00
Heat for Buldings	900.00	900.00
Utilities, except heat for bldgs.	650.00	650.00
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT		
Replacement of Equipment	100.00	100.00
Repairs to Buildings		100.00
FIXED CHARGES		
Teachers Retirement	777.18	937.95
F. I. C. A.	456.44	413.08
Insurance	300.00	300.00
SCHOOL LUNCH AND SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM		
Salaries School Lunch	1,000.00	1,000.00
Federal Monies		600.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Buildings	200.00	
Equipment	100.00	125.00

DEBT SERVICE FROM CURRENT MONIES

Principal	3,000.00	3,000.00
Interest	1,215.00	1,005.00

OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS

Tuition—In State	10,806.00	15,530.00
Supervisory Union Expenses	765.99	1,122.40
Tax for State Wide Supervision	260.00	244.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Contingency	500.00	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 47,271.03	\$52,788.92
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RECEIPTS

TUITION FROM PATRONS

Tuition from Patrons, Regular School, Current		222.00
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OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES

Rent	100.00	100.00
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REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES

School Building Aid	900.00	900.00
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REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES

Title III		100.00
National Forest Reserve	479.00	300.00
School Lunch and Special Milk Program		600.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,479.00	\$ 2,222.00
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Total Operating Budget

Voted By District	\$ 47,271.03	\$52,788.92
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Special Appropriations Including Bond Issues or Serial Notes

none	none
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Total District Appropriation

\$ 47,271.03	\$52,788.92
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Less Total Receipts

1,479.00	2,222.00
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DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

\$ 45,792.03	\$50,566.92
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Plus Receipts

1,479.00	2,222.00
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Total Appropriation Voted by district for 1962-1963

\$ 47,271.03	\$52,788.92
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**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1961
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1962

FEDERAL AID

National Forest Reserve	\$ 479.00
State of N. H. Milk Reimbursement	628.38

LOCAL TAXATION

Balance of 1960 Appro.	\$ 1,940.70
1961 Appro.	42,226.07
1962 Deficiency Appro.	1,685.50
	\$ 45,852.27

STATE AID

School Building Aid	\$ 900.00
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OTHER SOURCES

Rent from Town	\$ 100.00
Refund H. S. Tuition	39.44
Surplus Materials	35.80
P. T. A. Donation	25.00
Tuition	240.00
Insurance	420.60
	\$ 860.84

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$48,720.49
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Cash on hand at beginning of year	
July 1, 1961	320.12
	\$49,040.61

PAYMENTS

SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Gertrude Hiltz	\$ 125.00
Charles Ouellet	75.00
Lawrence Thompson	75.00
James N. Pope	125.00
	\$ 400.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY—LOCAL SHARE

(Supervisory Union No. 48)	778.03
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TAX FOR STATE WIDE SUPERVISION	248.00
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SALARIES OF OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Supervisory Union No. 48	
Jean Chapman (Union Secretary)	\$ 15.00
Gertrude Hiltz, Census	25.00
I. Ignaszewski, Auditor	10.00
Nellie Adams, Auditor	10.00
Gertrude Hiltz, Keeping Records	50.00
	\$ 110.00

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES

Analysis Charges	\$ 5.59
Buckland's	18.35
Record Print	141.49
Edson C. Eastman	3.21
Rand's	.50
Gledhill Bros.	18.11
Empire Jan. & San. Supply Co.	18.00
Industrial Wiper Supply Co.	16.38
N. H. Schl. Board Association	15.00
Pat & Larry's	7.49
N. H. District Agency	5.00
H. Hartwell (P.C.)	15.00
McCoy's Market	1.60
Central Paper Products	52.00
Stephen Childs	6.00
Farley's	2.53
Sanel Auto	9.72
	\$ 335.97

INSTRUCTION

Teachers Salaries	
Harriett Hartwell	\$ 4,000.00
Olive Benton	3,850.00
Virginia Dearborn	3,800.00
Ida Kelly	3,800.00
Travel	200.00
Supervisory Union, Music	815.42
Rinehart Functional Handwriting System	250.00

Substitutes:

Mildred Thompson	95.00	
Virginia Mellett	50.00	
Christine Kimball	10.00	
	\$ 16,870.42	
Olive Benton—Summer Course		50.00
		\$ 16,920.42

BOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS

Fideler Company	\$ 16.17	
Scott Foresman & Company	20.42	
Grade Teacher	5.00	
Educators Progress	9.00	
Walberg & Auge	34.46	
Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc.	4.42	
Follett Publishing Co.	9.99	
F. A. Owen	3.25	
Row, Peterson & Co.	1.26	
Bell Audio Visual	17.89	
Rand McNally	6.34	
Social Studies Club	33.00	
Primary Club	33.00	
C. S. Hammond	23.42	
Science Service	3.13	
	\$ 220.75	

SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES

Misc. Expense	\$ 24.79	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	15.15	
Gledhill	4.83	
Follett Co.	12.54	
American Education Pub.	67.80	
The Harmar Co.	3.20	
Central Paper Prod. Co.	15.40	
Row Peterson & Co.	.88	
	\$ 144.59	

SUPPLIES AND OTHER EXPENSES

The Garland Company	\$ 41.65	
N. E. Tel & Tel.	89.75	
Milton Bradley Co.	75.94	
Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc.	50.16	
St. Johnsbury Trucking	7.03	
	\$ 264.53	

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Carl Broad	\$	550.00	
Ralph Steele, Jr.		577.50	
			\$ 1,127.50

FUEL

Durgin Oil Company			\$ 858.12
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WATER, LIGHT SUPPLIES & EXPENSES

N. H. Electric Coop.	\$	690.75	
M. F. Bragdon		8.52	
			\$ 699.27

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Karl Dearborn	\$	35.00	
Harry Cheney		228.54	
Alton J. Benton		6.00	
Rand's		37.32	
Farley's		2.27	
Jack Landry		72.00	
			\$ 381.13

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

Supervisory Union No. 48			
Nurse's Salary			\$ 509.93

TRANSPORTATION

Glenroy Howland	\$	3,610.00	
Richard Bradley		1,440.00	
			\$ 5,050.00

TUITION

Lincoln High School District	\$	6,240.42	
Plymouth School District		5,330.00	
			\$ 11,570.42

SOCIAL SECURITY

State Treasurer			\$ 334.00
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SPECIAL FUNDS

Reimbursement	\$	628.38	
Hot Lunch Supervisor's Salary		672.00	
	\$		1,300.38

FIXED CHARGES

N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	\$	781.78	
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INSURANCE

B. W. Pulsifer	\$	5.00	
		9.60	
		215.29	
		5.00	
	\$		234.89

CAPITAL OUTLAY

John Noseworthy	\$	51.20	
Francoeur-Gill		690.32	
Pat & Larry's Store		74.05	
	\$		815.57

NEW EQUIPMENT

Paris Mfg. Co.	\$	140.10	
		98.63	
Cascade Paper Co.		143.06	
W. Bowie (Cloth & Tarp.)		9.30	
Milton Bradley		35.54	
Aetna Engineering		614.50	
Humphrey's Inc.		63.81	
Rand's (Installing Water Treatment)		123.71	
	\$		1,228.65

DEBT AND INTEREST

Pemigewasset National Bank	\$	3,000.00	
Interest		1,185.00	
	\$		4,185.00

Cash on hand June 30, 1962

\$	48,498.93
\$	541.68
\$	49,040.61

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1961—JUNE 30, 1962

Balance in Checking Account July 1, 1961 \$ 417.25

Receipts:

Lunch Sales	\$ 1,380.93	
Milk Sales	314.24	
Reimbursement	634.68	
Gifts	10.00	
		\$ 2,339.85
Total Receipts		\$ 2,757.10

Expenses:

Food	\$ 1,987.00	
Labor	40.00	
Equipment	63.81	
Miscellaneous	109.23	
		\$ 2,200.04
Total Expenses		\$ 2,200.04
Balance on hand June 30, 1962		\$ 557.06

Reimbursement checks for May and June due and received during summer amounted to \$85.26 making balance on hand Sept. 1, 1962 \$642.32.

We have purchased a 22 quart mixer for use in the kitchen. The balance due on the mixer is \$220.00.

The program is operating smoothly with nearly 100% participation.

VIRGINIA MELLETT

School Lunch Supervisor

BALANCE SHEET

as of June 30, 1962

ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1962	\$	541.63
Account due District:		
Federal Agency—Lunch Program Reimbursement		31.20
Total Assets	\$	572.83
Net Debt (excess liabilities over assets)		38,476.20
Total	\$	39,049.03

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by District:		
Hot Lunch Program	\$	31.20
Aetna Engineering Co.		418.39
N. H. Electric Cooperative		42.06
N. H. - Vt. Hospitalization Service		11.90
Francoeur-Gill Co.		473.48
Jack Landry		72.00
Bonds Outstanding		38,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$	39,049.03

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

1962-1963 Appropriation Voted	\$	47,371.03
Plus State Adjustment		140.50
	\$	47,511.53

Less—Estimated receipts other than
Property Taxes:

State (School Building Aid)	\$	900.00
Federal (National Forest Reserve)		479.00
Town (Rent of Office)		100.00
	\$	1,479.00
1962-1963 District Assessment	\$	46,032.53

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Thornton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and find them correct in all respects.

NELLIE M. ADAMS

LOIS T. IGNASZEWSKI

July 17, 1962

Auditors

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year

July 1, 1961 — June 30, 1962

Cash on hand, July 1, 1961	\$ 320.12
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Receipts 1961

From Selectmen:

Bal. 1960 Appro.	\$ 1,940.70
Acct. of 1961 Appro.	20,000.00
	\$ 21,940.70

From State of New Hampshire:

Lunch Program Reimb.	\$ 115.98
School Building Aid	900.00
	\$ 1,015.98

From Miscellaneous Sources:

Lincoln School Dist.	
Tuition Refund	\$ 39.44
School Board—	
Sale of Surplus Materials	35.30
Thornton P. T. A.—	
Film Strip Donation	25.00
	\$ 100.24
	\$ 23,056.92

Receipts 1962

From Selectmen:

1961 Appro.—Balance	\$ 22,226.07
1962 Deficiency Appro.	1,685.50
Office Rent	100.00
½ Nat. Forest Reserve	479.00
	\$ 24,490.57

From State of New Hampshire:

Lunch Program Reimbursement	\$	512.40
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From Miscellaneous Sources:

Tuition	\$	240.00
Insurance—Damage to Pump		420.60

	\$	660.60
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	\$	25,663.57
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Total Cash & Receipts	\$	49,040.61
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Total Payments		48,498.98
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Cash on hand June 30, 1962	\$	541.63
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JAMES N. POPE,

Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

It is difficult year after year to make a significant report to you because necessarily there is a great deal of sameness in the work we are doing with your children. Therefore I will try to confine this report mostly to other areas of educational philosophy and fact that should be of interest.

I was pleased when all four of our teachers decided to return again this year. When you can get and hold good teachers, better education for the children usually results and our progress to date has been more than satisfactory.

I would mention that most of our series of textbooks have now reached the point where they are nearly worn out and we must begin to replace books in the various areas. We cannot afford to replace all of them at once so over the next two or three years I shall be requesting an added amount of money for books to accomplish this. I hope, however, to be able to get along with less funds in some of the other areas where I have financial responsibility so that there will be little increase in the total budget because of this.

The school lunch program is operating well as always. Through the efforts of the Supervisor and at no cost to the district, we were able to purchase a Commercial-type mixer for the program. It is a great help. The mixer allows the cook to take advantage of the surplus commodities that are distributed which in turn makes the program cost less.

I hope the people in the district have not forgotten that we still are in need of another regular classroom at the school. The activity room that formerly served as a lunch room and gathering place for school activities both during the day and some evenings is missed greatly. Any school will operate more effi-

ciently where there is a place for children to go for music and audio-visual activities such as films and television as well as other general meetings. It also is most difficult for the teacher to operate under a situation where periodically an entire room has to be changed because of necessary meetings concerning town affairs. It was with reluctance that I closed school and used up one of our extra days for the election last Fall but there seemed to be no alternative.

People in the district should be continuing to think about the Cooperative high school idea. It is too bad that the votes taken by various districts last June turned out as they did but it was obvious that the type of program outlined by the committees that worked so hard was not favored by the majority. The study will be picked up again not later than next Fall, but it was deemed wise at this time to wait to see if the report of the Interim Commission was implemented by the Legislature to make it more financially desirable to cooperate. This time the study will probably be in the direction of a grades 9-12 school. Although I personally favor a 1-12 Cooperative for many reasons but primarily because it would be best in terms of education and cheapest in the terms of finances, most lay people would probably favor taking one step at a time.

I wish to thank the teachers and School Board for their cooperation and support during the past year. I would like to remind anyone in the district not to hesitate to ask if I can help with problems of education.

Respectfully submitted,

M. WAYNE BOWIE,

Superintendent of Schools

EXPLANATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent of schools as per the following quotations: "Reports. Each superintendent of a supervisory union shall annually prepare a report showing the total salary paid to the superintendent, which report shall show in detail the amount derived from the per capita tax and the amount paid directly by each school district in the union."

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is pro-rated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is pro-rated on the basis of average daily membership in the school for the previous school year ending June 30th. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 48 during 1961-1962 received a salary of \$8,500 which was made up as follows: \$4,250 paid from the per capita tax and \$4,250 pro-rated among the several school districts. Allowances of \$1,200 for travel within the union was also pro-rated as stated above.

The table shows the portion of salary and travel charged to each school district.

	Salary	Travel
Campton	\$ 818.13	\$ 231.00
Dorchester	31.87	9.0
Plymouth	1,708.50	482.40
Rumney	565.25	159.60
Thornton	369.75	104.40
Wentworth	176.37	49.80
Woodstock	580.13	163.80
	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 1,200.00

Superintendent's salary for 1961-62 based on the above figure is reconciled as follows: \$4,250 paid from State per capita tax plus \$4,250 paid by various districts, equals \$8,500 Superintendent's basic salary.

M. WAYNE BOWIE,
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT FOR 1962 - 1963

School began in September with an enrollment of ninety-three pupils.

	September	January
Mrs. Dearborn	19 pupils	19 pupils
Mrs. Benton	25	25
Mrs. Kelly	29	27
Mrs. Hartwell	20	21

Since the beginning of the school year six pupils have transferred to other schools because parents have moved from town and five new pupils have entered. Our enrollment is now ninety-two.

Achievement tests were given in October and mental ability tests in January. Results were very satisfactory in the majority of cases.

Attendance on the whole has been good. As always, there are a few with excess absences due to various reasons.

Weather permitted our upper grade pupils to play baseball and softball until into December.

We have rearranged our time schedule so the children coming on the south bus begin classes at 8:10 a. m. and are dismissed to leave on the bus in the afternoon at 2:15 p. m. The north bus children arrive for classes between 8:40 and 8:45 a. m. and are dismissed to leave on the bus about 2:45 p. m. This eliminates long periods of waiting for the second bus to arrive and gets the children home about one-half hour earlier in the afternoon.

The television programs given by the University of New Hampshire have not been available to us this year as we had hoped they would. Installation has not been accomplished because to this date it has been impossible to find a Television repairman who would check the Channel 11 signal. An antenna has been on order since the early part of December and it may be possible to have television reception by the time this is read. We do feel much benefit could be derived for our children in areas of Science, Art and Foreign Languages.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRIETTE G. HARTWELL,
Principal of Thornton Central School

ADOPTED SCHOOL CALENDAR
SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 48—1963 - 1964

September 4, 1963
Schools open.

October 25, 1963
Schools Closed. Teachers Convention.

November 11, 1963
Schools Closed. Armistice Day.

November 27, 1963
All day session. Thanksgiving Recess.

December 20, 1963
All day session. Christmas vacation.

January 6, 1964
Schools Reopen.

February 14, 1964
Schools Close. Midwinter Vacation.

February 24, 1964
Schools Reopen.

April 24, 1964
Schools Close. Spring Vacation.

May 4, 1964
Schools Reopen.

June 19, 1964
Schools Close for Summer Recess.

This calendar allows for 184 full school days. Therefore, there are 4 days in excess of 180 that may be used for storms or other emergencies. In the event all extra days are not used, schools in various districts may close at the end of 180 full days as required by law.

THE MUSIC PROGRAM IN THORNTON

It is impossible to measure the joy children experience in singing a song well, the satisfaction derived from playing melody bells, song flute or auto-harp, the pleasure of hearing a lovely phrase of music, or the sense of accomplishment in rhythmic movement. We can only provide the opportunity for these experiences for every child.

The discovery in music of up and down or loud and soft by a first grade child is a thrill. Two-part harmony to the fourth grader is just as exciting as is a Calypso rhythm in the upper grades.

Activities during the past year have included singing of songs by rote and reading; observation of tonal and rhythmic patterns; listening; recognition of like or similar phrases, mood, tempo, volume, pitch and tone quality; part-singing; playing of accompaniment and rhythm instruments; rhythmic movement; and participation in two programs for parents and friends.

ARLINE E. WILSON,

Music Supervisor

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

1962

The nurse visited the school 38 times during the school year. Inspections were made frequently and individual conferences held with the pupils pertaining to their health.

First aid and advice was given as needed. Home visits were made when necessary and notices sent to parents.

Weighing and measuring was done twice during the year. Vision and Hearing screening tests were done on all pupils and notices sent home on all who did not satisfactorily pass the test to advise them to consult a doctor.

Some assistance was given toward eye glasses through Sight Conservation. Orthopedic Clinics in Hanover were attended by three and also Immunization Clinics in Lincoln.

Health records were kept on all pupils. Pre-School registration and inspections were done.

The State Dental Hygienist cleaned and gave Fluorine treatments to all grades.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. FISHER, R. N.

The Gavel used at our
ANNUAL MEETING
is made from an Elm Tree planted by
MATTHEW THORNTON
Signer of the Declaration of Independence